

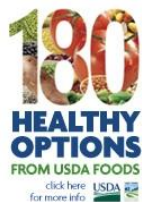


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THINK FOOD

School Nutrition Programs Shipment 2 September 2015



USDA FOOD Shipment 2 Update

The USDA Foods shipment schedule for SY 2015-2016 is located on the OPI School Nutrition website under Commodity Information. This website is located at:

http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html. Please remember the schedule is subject to change based on USDA Foods availability.

Newsletter is Online, Too!

Please remember all issues of the Think Food Newsletter are on the OPI School Nutrition website at http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_6.

Extra Items:

Ground beef	4/10#	(696)	\$122.02
Turkey deli breasts	4/10#	(466)	\$115.69
Cheese, mozz LMPS	30#	(468)	\$31.99
Eggs, frozen	6/5#	(348)	\$91.22
Tomatoes, diced	6/#10	(182)	\$13.65
Pancakes, frozen	144/case	(161)	\$8.69
Tortillas, frozen	12/24/case	(104)	\$16.47
Spaghetti, WG	2/10#	(102)	\$7.83
Blueberries	30#	(94)	\$26.63
Flour 60/40 blend	25#	(85)	\$6.83
Vegetable oil	6/1 gal	(30)	\$33.27
Salsa	6/#10	(24)	\$19.46
Spaghetti sauce	6/#10	(7)	\$14.36

The amounts listed in parenthesis are approximately the number of cases available. Please send an email to tbailly@mt.gov with food item and quantity requests by *Tuesday, September 1, 2015*.

USDA Food Update

As a reminder:

- Eggs and strawberry cups were moved from shipment 2 to shipment 1.
- Spaghetti and spaghetti sauce were moved from shipment 1 to shipment 2.

This was to allow for more freezer space in the state warehouse.

Processing Reminder

As a reminder, if you are a school that has diverted commodities for processing, you will be receiving an invoice from those processors once the product arrives at the state warehouse. If you are a school that will be receiving processed items, you should have received a "processing" shipment schedule along with your regular commodity shipment schedule. This will tell you when the processed items will come to you. You will most likely get invoiced before they arrive to you. Please make your clerks or business personnel aware of this. If you have any questions, please email Tessa Bailly at tbailly@mt.gov.

DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Please check your DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program entitlement allotment on the FFavors website. We hope schools will use all their money and receive some great fresh fruit and vegetables during the school year.

Access the FFavors website at this address:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/fresh-fruits-and-vegetables-order-receipt-system-ffavors>

After you receive each order, you will need to go back into FFavors and receipt it. You need to do this within five business days before they will allow you to place another order.

If you are new or having trouble accessing the FFavors website, please let Tessa Bailly know at 406-444-4412 or tbailly@mt.gov so she can help get an account set up for you.

Fall 2015 Administrative and Food Service Management Workshops

The Office of Public Instruction School Nutrition Programs Workshops will combine our administrative and food service management training this year as we recognize that it takes strong involvement between both to ensure a successful school nutrition program. To make this workshop most useful, we strongly encourage all clerks, determining officials, and food service managers to attend.

The topics to be covered:

- Free and Reduced Benefits (including the new Direct Certification Application)
- Budgeting, Meal Pattern Basics
- Required Documentation
- General Program Operation Requirements
- Verification
- Administrative Review Procedures.

Join the school nutrition program specialists for a fall 2015 workshop located in your area! Lunch will be provided. Please register at this site:

<http://app.keysurvey.com/f/972271/1d4f/>

Butte	September 3	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Great Falls	September 9	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Glasgow	September 15	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Glendive	September 15	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Billings	September 16	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kalispell	September 23	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

OPI Cooperative Purchase Program

The Fall 2016 OPI Cooperative Bid was awarded to Food Services of America. All participating sponsors have been sent a cover letter containing pertinent contact information and updates regarding product availability. The first round of deliveries begins August 24 and ends on September 11. An FSA representative will contact schools prior to the first delivery. Schools can expect the second, third, and fourth deliveries to continue approximately every four weeks after the first delivery.

Invoices should be checked carefully for correct pricing and amount of product. Payment should be submitted to FSA within 45 days of receipt. An administrative fee of 3 percent of the total invoices for the fall 2016 bid will be invoiced to each participant in December, and payment is expected within 45 days of receipt to the OPI Cooperative Purchasing Program.

The Winter 2016 Cooperative Bid order form will open online during the middle of November and will remain open for approximately three weeks. This bid will be for deliveries January through May 2016. The cooperative bid is open for use by all Montana schools -- public and private -- and residential child-care institutions with no initial application or fee required. For questions or concerns regarding the cooperative bid process, please contact Cindy Giese, Cooperative Purchasing Coordinator at 406-366-9829 or cgiese@mt.gov.

The 2015-2016 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

FFVP allocations are now posted on the OPI School Nutrition Program website! The allocations can be found under the Program Administration tab of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program menu or by going to this link.

http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/SchoolFood/FFVP/15_16FFVPAllocations.pdf

Participating school districts will also be receiving an approval letter in the mail in August. If you have any questions regarding the FFVP, please contact Camille McGoven at cmcgoven@mt.gov.

Schools on Review This Year

Are you wondering if your school is on review this year? Go to this website and find out!

http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/SchoolFood/15_16ARSchedule.pdf

ABC Fall Meetings and Procurement Training

The Fall ABC meetings will be held the first full week of October. These meetings are to give updates and receive feedback on the USDA Foods and the cooperative purchase programs. If you are interested in being a member all you have to do is show up to the meetings. ☺

After the ABC meetings, Tessa Bailly and Aubree Roth will be conducting a training on procurement (processes intended to promote fair and open competition when purchasing goods and services). Anyone is welcome to attend this free training.

		ABC Meeting	Procurement Training
Miles City	Sleep Inn	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	1 p.m.-4 p.m.
Great Falls	Holiday Inn	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	1 p.m.-4 p.m.
Missoula	Marriott Courtyard	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Montana FoodCorps, Eat Right Montana, and other statewide partners have created a guide and additional resources to help every Montanan crunch into a delicious apple this October! Over 20,000 individuals participated in 2014. Help make a louder crunch and spread the word!

For more information about Montana Crunch Time, to register, and receive your guide, visit opi.mt.gov/Farm2School or contact Aubree Roth at aubree.roth@montana.edu or 406-994-5996. Make sure to collect a “crunch byte” (video, photos, or audio) to share!

Celebrate Farm to School This October!



October is National Farm to School Month, a time to celebrate the connections that are

happening between schools and local food producers. There are many great ways to celebrate Farm to School Month, whether you are a student, teacher, parent, food service director, farmer, or community member. It is a perfect time to go on a farm field trip, serve a Montana meal, or host a school garden open house.

For more information and to download a Farm to School Month guide, visit opi.mt.gov/Farm2School or contact Aubree Roth at aubree.roth@montana.edu or 406-994-5996.

Let's Hear Your Crunch, Montana!



Join preschools, schools, colleges, and individuals across Montana in celebrating Food Day and National Farm to School Month by crunching into locally and regionally grown apples on October 26 at 2 p.m. MST.

This collective crunch encourages healthy eating and connects with farm to school and buy local initiatives throughout the state. It is also a fun way to connect food and nutrition into learning -- from science to art! The Office of Public Instruction, Montana Team Nutrition Program, Farm to Cafeteria Network,

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